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	Pebble Mine	DEC Lead: Allan Nakanishi (WW), Lori Aldridge (SW)	The proposed Pebble Project is a copper/gold/molybdenum mineral deposit located 200 miles southwest of Anchorage. The proposal is for large-scale mining project on state lands. The company expects to complete a pre-feasibility study in 2012. The project will require road access and a supply of electrical power in addition to the project's mining footprint. In response to a petition from nine tribal governments, EPA has initiated a watershed assessment of the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds in Bristol Bay under the authority of Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act. Public meetings on the 404(c) assessment are planned for Spring 2012. A ballot initiative before the voters in the Lake and Peninsula Borough that would change borough law to prevent the granting of permit to a mine that would have a "significant adverse impact" on salmon streams.	Still in pre-application phase. Anticipate application will be submitted in late 2012
			In planning stage. Will require an EIS and 404 permits once a final proposal is available	It is anticipated that planning and permitting the project will take approximately seven years.
	PROPOSED MINE	DNR Lead: Sharmon Stambaugh		
		EPA Lead:		
		Corps Lead: Katie McCafferty		

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